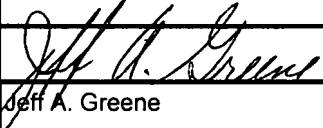


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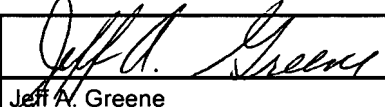
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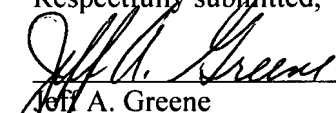
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Sir:

According to our records, on the above-identified application, an Appeal Brief was filed on March 2, 2006. An Examiner's Answer was received on June 5, 2006 which applicant has chosen not to respond. To date, Applicant has not received any further action concerning this application.

In view of these circumstances, Applicant respectfully requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicant is required at this time.

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